MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know whether the wells will supply the necessary quantity of water ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is expected that they will.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know when the work will be completed ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The estimates are under preparation. The proposals for land acquisition are expected to reach Government next week. Land acquisition proceedings will be taken up soon. Administrative sanction has been accorded for the estimate, and tools and plants will be purchased immediately. The detailed estimates will reach the Government in about two months.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know the total estimated amount for the scheme ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : A detailed estimate has not yet been prepared. The work is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 10 lakhs.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : What is the amount approximately spent till now ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Two estimates for investigation have been sanctioned—one for Rs. 19,000 and and another for Rs. 25,000. The investigation is almost completed ; but information about the expenditure actually incurred till now is not readily available.

*The Land Mortgage Bank.*

72. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received, disposed of by rejection, and that by sanctioning, and the number pending in each of the years in the Land Mortgage Bank since its inception ; and

(*b*) whether an year-war statement of applications pending relating to the years of 1108, 1109 and 1110 will be placed on the table with reasons thereof and duration of pendency in each office ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information required, will not be commensurate with the possible advantages to be gained thereby.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the number of applications received by the Land Mortgage Bank during all these years ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : 1839.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the number rejected ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : 460.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the number of applications sanctioned?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): 846.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the number pending disposal?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): 533.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reasons for the pendency of such a large number of applications in the Bank?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is difficult to find out the reason in each case. The applications are pending in various offices such as those of the Tahsildar, the Assistant Peishkar, the Division Peishkars, the Sub-Registrar, the Legal Adviser and the Bank itself. We have to collect all the applications if the reason is to be found out. That is why the answer has been given that the time and labour involved in collecting the information required will not be commensurate with the advantages to be gained thereby.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government see that hereafter the applications are disposed of as early as possible?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Certainly.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kallulam 1*): What is the average length of time taken for the disposal of an application?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information.

*Power-House at Pallivasal.*

73. *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Power-House at Pallivasal has been inspected by any Engineer from outside the State;

(*b*) if so, who were they and what necessitated their inspection; and

(*c*) whether they have submitted any report on their inspection?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Signor Marcello and Major Howard. Signor Marcello's visit was to advise Government on the designs of the Head Works of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project. Major Howard's visit was to advise Government on certain technical aspects of the works connected with the Project.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether any other Engineer was consulted when the headworks were started?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

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